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Urban Corps

Dishwashing, parking cars, pumping gas...are these your ideas of world saving jobs.

How about ours: running a street theatre, planning a playground, serving as an assistant to the Mayor, working on traffic flow problems, or any of several hundred opportunities in all areas of the city. How many times have you said, "If I were running this city things would really be different"? Well we can't give you the keys to City Hall, but we can get you in the front door through the Urban Corps.

The Atlanta Urban Corps is a cooperative program for bringing bright, motivated young people into an intimate involvement with Atlanta's municipal government and inter-city problems. The primary emphasis is aimed at interim employment of college students in Metropolitan government positions and in non-profit agencies.

Available jobs range from administrative posts in city government to social involvement in inter-city communities. The program offers a service-learning experience that acts as an extension of the students' college education by exposing him to "real life" problems by offering him a chance to temper idealism with actuality.

Internships provide not only an educationally relevant experience that simultaneously serves the city and its people, but it also serves as a source of the funds for the student.

The Urban Corps is staffed almost entirely by students. Students started the programme and now colleges, metro governments and businesses are helping to make it a success. It is funded primarily by the Federal Work-Study Program through participating colleges. Students that are financially eligible are funded 80% by their colleges and 20% by the employing agency. Atlanta businessmen and foundations contribute funds for administration and interns not eligible for work-study funding.

Employing agencies include: the City of Atlanta, Fulton County Government, DeKalb County Government, Southern Regional Education Board, VISTA, Southwest YMCA, Grady Hospital, Atlanta Library Boys' Club and others.

Students eligible for Urban Corps include entering freshmen through graduate students. Practically all Atlanta area colleges are participating. Course credit possibility should be discussed with your college dean. Students interested in applying should contact their Student Government Office or apply directly to Atlanta Urban Corps, 30 Courtland St. N.E., Atlanta Ga. 30303. Telephone (404) 524-8091

Mayor Ivan Allen says of the Urban Corps:

"Our young people and our cities can no longer afford to be strangers. The Urban Corps offers Students a chance to be in the mainstream of Atlanta's problems and potentials."